

**Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
Report To
Papio-Missouri River NRD Board
December 8, 2011
Neil Jensen, District Conservationist**



Land Stewardship has it Awards

Nebraska's farmers and ranchers are known for being outstanding stewards of the land. They know that if you take care of the land, it will take care of you.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) offers payments to producers who maintain a high-level of conservation on their land and agree to adopt higher levels of stewardship. CSP is available on Tribal and private agricultural lands and non-industrial private forest land statewide. The deadline to be considered for the next ranking and funding period is January 13, 2012.

Land Stewardship Has Its Rewards

The Conservation Stewardship Program sign up for current funding ends Jan. 13, 2012.



What is CSP?

The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) offers payments to producers who maintain a high-level of conservation on their land and agree to adopt additional stewardship practices, such as improved erosion control, better water quality practices, rangeland improvement or wildlife habitat management.

Is CSP right for you?

- Are you a good manager of your land and livestock?
- Are you interested in adopting innovative conservation practices for your operation?

For more information visit:

www.ne.nrcs.usda.gov

or contact your local NRCS Service Center for more details.

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Farming after the Flood Webinar

*Farmer Perspectives and
Agency Resources*

1:30 – 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14

More than 20 Viewing Sites

Farmers and landowners affected by the 2011 Missouri River flood can learn about government programs, what to consider when planning for the 2012 cropping season, and how to remain in compliance with farm bill programs while bringing flooded acres back into productivity.

Hear speakers from

- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Farm Service Agency (FSA)
- Risk Management Agency (RMA)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- UNL and ISU Extension

and

- Farmers who have started restoring their farmland

Plan to attend at the site listed below or check one of these websites for additional locations. Fact sheets on individual programs will be available at the viewing sites.

<http://flood.unl.edu/crops>

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/topic/recovering-disasters>

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Viewing Sites

Nebraska

- Auburn at Educational Service Unit #4, 919 16th St., contact Gary Lesoing, 402-274-4755, glesoing2@unl.edu
- Beatrice at the UNL Extension Office in Gage County, 1115 W. Scott St., contact Paul Hay, 402-239-1341, phay1@unl.edu
- Blair at the Blair City Hall Council Chambers, 218 S. 16th St., contact Steve Tonn, 402-426-9455, stonn2@unl.edu
- Center at Knox County Courthouse Annex, 308 Bridge St., contact: Ruth Vonderohe, 402-288-5611, rvonderohe2@unl.edu
- Dakota City at the USDA Service Center, 1505 Broadway, contact Keith Jarvi or Carol Larvick, 402-987-2140, kjarvi1@unl.edu or clarvick1@unl.edu
- Falls City at the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone St., Lower Level, contact Lindsay Chichester, 402-254-4324, lchichester2@unl.edu
- Hartington at the Cedar County Courthouse Annex Meeting Room, 101 E. Centre, contact Jackie Steffen, 402-254-6821, jsteffen2@unl.edu
- Omaha at the Douglas/Sarpy Extension Office, 8015 W. Center Road, contact Monte Stauffer, 402-444-7804, mstauffer1@unl.edu
- Syracuse at the UNL Extension Office in Otoe County, 180 Chestnut St., contact Sarah Purcell, 402-269-2301, spurcell2@unl.edu
- Tekamah at the Tekamah City Auditorium, 1315 K St., contact: John Wilson, 402-374-2929, jwilson3@unl.edu

EWP and ECP Programs Receive Funding

- EWP funding (\$127m) and ECP funding (\$215m) were included in the Ag Appropriations bill that was passed in late November.
- ECP and EWP funds have some 'new' criteria about where funds can be used.
- They can only be used in areas that were declared to be Presidential and FEMA disaster areas.
- EWP Funds can only be used on projects that are classified as "exigency" or an imminent hazard to life and/or property.
- The EWP program has time sensitive dates associated with funding requests from sponsors. The sponsors must request assistance within 60 days of the event. IA and NE NRCS have identified December 29, 2011 as the last date we will accept requests for EWP technical and funding assistance for the 2011 Missouri River Flood event.



Staffing Updates

Kent Neumann has accepted the Resource Conservationist position in Walthill. Kent was the former NRCS RC&D Coordinator in Oakland.



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